

Congress Chapter Defies Ouster Order

Jerusalem's Ultra-Orthodox Religious Fanatics Fed Up With Israel, May Emigrate To U. S.

JERUSALEM—The Netura Karta, the fanatically-religious ultra-Orthodox sect whose fights against less observant Israeli Jews have made it a center of international Jewish attention, may pack up and leave Israel for the United States, the Religious News Service reported this week.

Rabbi Amram Blau, leader of the sect, said its members had given up hope for the internationalization of Jerusalem which would make it possible for them to live in the Old City with its ancient Jewish shrines.

Rabbi Blau said the Netura Karta wanted to cross the line into the Old City, now held by the Jordan Arab Legion.

He also told Religious News Service that if this was not possible, the members of the

fanatic sect wanted to emigrate to the United States.

He said he asked Msgr. Thomas J. McMahon of New York, president of the Pontifical Mission of Palestine, to discuss with Arab authorities the possibility of having the sect move to the Old City.

Members of the sect, who also are anti-Zionist on grounds that only the Messiah could bring about the rebirth of Israel, have fought sharp battles to compel other Israeli Jews to observe Jewish tradition.

They have thrown stench bombs into commercial places in Israel open on the Sabbath, stoned volunteer firemen who put out a fire in a synagogue on the Sabbath and recently were the object of a official Israeli Government investigation.

U. S. RECORD IN CHALUTZIUT WORST, EUROPE ZIONISTS SAY

LONDON—The American Zionist movement has one of the poorest of all Hechalutz (pioneering for Israel) movements in the world, figures reported here this week disclosed.

The data was outlined in connection with plans for a European Zionist conference to be held in Paris Sept. 14. The conference was called in line with a decision of the last meeting of the World Zionist Actions committee for a series of such conference in advance of the next World Zionist Congress.

A similar Zionist conference in Montevideo for South American Zionism was cancelled because of a split in the South American Zionist movement.

The European conference will take up the issue of Chalutzit, Zionist officials here said, on the basis that the movement is unsatisfactory.

The U. S. Scene

Figures listed gave Hechalutz in America 2,000 members, of whom 260 were reported on Hachshara (actual collective training work).

In South America, the chalutz organization has 12,000 members and England has an estimated 4,000 members.

Zionist leaders here said they hope to obtain funds from the Joint Distribution Committee to expand the Hechalutz program in England.

Rabbi Hunted In Israel Fund Swindle

NEW YORK—A rabbi accused of swindling Israeli sympathizers out of more than \$500,000 was still at large this week.

Police said Rabbi Solomon Eichenstein was indicted last week by a Manhattan grand jury on charges of fraud and grand larceny.

His wife, who gave birth to a baby boy in Beth Israel hospital, denied she was implicated and said she had not seen her husband for more than six weeks.

Promote Brotherhood In German Circles

BERLIN—A group of religious leaders announced this week that they will set up a coordinating council of Christians and Jews in association with the international Round Table.

Israel Seeking Big Soviet Loan

TEL AVIV, Israel—Israel hopes to negotiate a large credit loan from the Soviet Union similar to the \$100,000,000 loan from the United States, it was reported this week.

Informants said the Israeli Legation in Moscow opened talks on the proposal early this year but active negotiations have not yet been started.

Council Planning Regional Expansion

NEW YORK—The anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism plans to set up a midwest regional office in Chicago as part of a nationwide expansion program, it was learned this week.

Disclosure that a national executive committee meeting had approved the plans was made in the Council News, official organ of the anti-Zionist body.

Plans also were approved for a series of regional conferences in the fall to bring together chapter leaders, professional staff and members of the national executive committee, according to the publication.

Jerusalem Cafes Beat Sabbath Rule

JERUSALEM—A bid to apply to restaurants a municipal definition of the Sabbath for shops in Jerusalem was beaten last week in a vote by the Jerusalem Municipal Council.

The Mizrahi (religious Zionist) Information Service reported that the Municipal Council approved a by-law defining the hour of Sabbath closing of shops as 18 minutes before sundown and of opening on Saturday evenings at 18 minutes after sundown.

DETROIT OFFICERS SAY UNIT WILL CONTINUE WORK

National Jewish Post

DETROIT—The Detroit Metropolitan chapter of the American Jewish Congress announced this week it would ignore its recent expulsion from the parent organization and would continue to act as "a legal and recognized body" within the Congress.

The announcement was contained in a special printed edition of the chapter's monthly publication, "Congress Voice," which is usually mimeographed.

The chapter was dropped at a closed meeting of the organization's national executive committee last June at the same time that two pro-Communist affiliates, the Jewish People's Fraternal Order and the American Jewish Labor Council were expelled.

Defy Rabbi Miller

In taking that position, the Detroit chapter defied Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the national executive committee, and Dr. David Petegorsky, national executive director of the Congress.

Rabbi Miller and Petegorsky followed up the executive committee ouster with letters to officials of the Detroit chapter warning them that "Any attempt by the Metropolitan chapter to continue to function as a unit of the American Jewish Congress or to use the name of the Congress is illegal."

The Detroit chapter asserted that the letters represented a usurpation of the Congress constitution, and quoted section 8, Article VI which left final power in the hands of the national administrative committee, scheduled to meet Sept. 7. The Detroit chapter has filed an appeal from the ouster with the administrative committee.

Up To Committee

"This entire matter is now under appeal to the Administrative Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding," the statement said.

"Until such time, however, the Metropolitan chapter is, and will act as, a legal and recognized body within the American Jewish Congress."

The statement rejected all charges against the chapter. These included "deliberate defiance of properly constituted authority, repeated instances of action without proper clearance."

Jewish Anti-Red League Claims Helped Congress To Oust Reds

NEW YORK—The American Jewish League Against Communism said this week that it had helped the American Jewish Congress plan the strategy that led to the ouster of the pro-Communist Jewish People's Fraternal Order and American Jewish Labor Council as Congress affiliates.

At the same time, the League, in a statement to The Post, charged that the Congress "lacks the courage to state that Communists are being expelled because they are Communists."

League In On Plans

The League said that "we have intimate knowledge of the fact that pro-democrats in the Congress have at last decided to get rid of its Communists."

"A small meeting was held in the office of our executive director, Benjamin Schultz, in March, 1948, at which plans were formulated for the campaign," the League said.

"Largely as a result of this caucus, Rabbi Schultz was invited to be a guest speaker at a very large, but unpublicized meeting of the American Jewish Congress, at the Broadway Central Hotel, New York, on Sunday evening, April 18, 1948.

"A distinguished gathering attended. Included were most of the prominent Congress leaders of the New York area outside of Manhattan. Leaders of divisions

and chapters were there, both men and women. Rabbi Schultz explained the danger of Communist infiltration, and suggested means of heading off the small but vocal Communist minority, and making the majority wish of the Jewish people felt."

The League said that in the months that followed, the anti-Communist sentiment "became more powerful, and as a result, final action was taken in May, 1949, when the two Communist groups were expelled."

"Nevertheless, we cannot hide our profound disappointment that the Congress leadership should hedge on the real issue, and the real reasons for the expulsion," the League said.

"In all the announcements of the Congress concerning the expulsion of the two Communist dominated organizations, a man from Mars might not even know there was a Communist issue," the League said. "The Congress carefully avoids the use of the word Communist, or any reference to Communists."

ISRAEL SETS UP OWN GALLUP POLL; NOW STUDYING IMMIGRANT ATTITUDES

NEW YORK—Israel will have its own Gallup Poll soon. An Israel Institute of Public Opinion has been set up, based on two years of research by Dr. Louis Guttman, formerly of Minneapolis, Minn., now associate professor of sociology at Cornell University.

Experiments in public opinion sampling were held before, during and after the siege of Jerusalem. These demonstrated that U. S. research methods would work in Israel.

Dr. Guttman was asked to spend another year in Israel as chief consultant and to head the new institute, which is sponsored by the Israel Government.

One of the main current tasks of the Institute is a study of the adjustment problems of incoming refugees.

Histadrut Accused Of Threatening Religious Immigrants

JERUSALEM—The Mizrahi (religious Zionist) World Central charged this week that a group of Orthodox immigrants cancelled their religious school when representatives of Histadrut threatened to send them back to immigrant camps if they continued the school.

The report was contained in Bulletin No. 36 of the Mizrahi Information Service, dated Aug. 1.

The bulletin said that the new immigrants had settled in an abandoned Arab village of Malcha. Being

Orthodox, they asked for a religious education for their children.

In response, according to the bulletin, a religious teacher was sent to the village. The new school grew until it was handling 40 children.

The bulletin said that the Histadrut, the powerful socialist confederation of Labor unions, regarded the development with antagonism.

"Mr. Halevy, Inspector of Schools of the Labor Grouping, visited Malcha, accompanied by a repre-

sentative of the Jerusalem Labor Council, to inform the parents that they must send their children to the Histadrut school," the bulletin reported.

Parents who objected were threatened "that buses would be brought to take them back to the Immigrants Camps if they refused," the bulletin reported.

The threat had the desired effect, the bulletin reported, and "all religious instruction in the school has been discontinued."

New York

HEBREW LITERATURE IN GALUS
WAS BASE FOR MODERN ZIONISM

By M. Z. FRANK

WE are accustomed to think of Zionism in terms of organizations, conventions, leaders and their quarrels, and campaigns for funds. Of Israel we know the war, the government, the Parliament, the problems of immigration and, to some extent the stories of pioneering.

There is one important force, however, that we have ignored. It is a major force in the history of Zionism and in the life of the State of Israel. Without that force, neither Zionism nor Israel would have been possible. Certainly not in the forms they have taken on. That force is Hebrew literature.

One hundred years ago, a novel by Abraham Mapu, "Ahavat Tzion" (Love in Zion) made its appearance, and for many decades it stirred in the breasts of Jewish students in the ghetto a nostalgia for nature, for love and for the ancient glories of Israel and its pastoral life. In the generation before the first World War, Zionists all over Eastern Europe sang the words of Manne:

Where, o where are you, Holy Land
for which I yearn?
If only you and I, both
could find new life!

There was a comparatively rich literature in Hebrew, in poetry, fiction and essays, and there was a well-developed Hebrew press, in which the Jewish problem and its Zionist solution were discussed and propagated. It was a literature that sprang out of the very depths of the people's soul, rich in knowledge and deep in feeling.

THE WORLD HAS BY NOW accepted the fact that the language of Israel is Hebrew and that the newcomers will have to learn it, if they do not already know the language. A few people are also familiar with the fact that the revival of Hebrew as a spoken everyday vernacular took place in Palestine with the beginning of modern Zionist colonization. But too few realize the simple elementary fact that the modern revival of Hebrew would have been meaningless and impossible had not the Jewish people throughout the Dispersion maintained and developed the literary life of their ancestral tongue. Nor is it conceivable that a spoken modernized Hebrew could have come about without having been preceded by a burst of literary creativity in modern forms.

Wherever and whenever, throughout the 2,000 years of Dispersion, Judaism and Jewish life had vitality, there was Hebrew literature. Without Hebrew literature, Judaism became stagnant and withered away.

It was the modern Hebrew literature of Eastern Europe that paved the road for Zionism and later became the chief vehicle for the spread of Zionism. It is modern Hebrew literature today that is the mirror of the new nation's life, of its soul.

The Bilum who built the first agricultural colonies in Palestine 70 years ago were readers of Hebrew. The chalutzim who built the country between the First and Second World Wars were readers of Hebrew. Chaim Weizmann was reared on Hebrew literature. David Ben-Gurion, who began his career in Palestine as a pioneer, was influenced by the Hebrew literature of his day. He is a profound Hebrew scholar. Nearly every one of the pillars and builders of modern Israel is a product of modern Hebrew literature. So are the heroes of Israel's native army.

TO BE SURE, THERE HAVE BEEN and there still are, Zionist leaders, pioneers and army heroes, not familiar with Hebrew. Theodor Herzl did not know any Hebrew. But it is the readers of Hebrew who created the atmosphere which influenced and drew the outsiders.

And yet, this day, the literary figures of Israel are hardly ever heard from. Their names never appear in news from Israel. They seldom appear in Zionist literature—and almost never adequately; and, what is worse, little attention is paid them in Israel proper by he masters of the State.

Life in Israel today is dramatic and spectacular. But there is little about good literature and literary figures that lends itself to the dramatic and spectacular. It is easier to see the blossoms than the roots. And the preoccupation of Israel's leaders with urgent



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Public Concert Offers
New Israeli Works

CHICAGO.—(NJP)—The Zionist Organization of Chicago announced this week that the latest works of Israeli composers will be presented for the first time in the United States at a public concert in Chicago Aug. 23.

Moses J. Silverman, cantor at Anshe Emet synagogue, will be guest soloist for the concert, to be played by the Grant Park Symphony Orchestra.

The orchestra will be conducted by Nicolai Malko, who has just returned from a tour of Israel.

The program is being sponsored by the Chicago ZOA district. Morris Bromberg is chairman for the program.

Histadrut Sells Pipes
From Germany

JERUSALEM.—Soleh Boneh, the contracting corporation of the Histadrut, has purchased iron and piping from Germany despite an Israeli government decision not to enter commercial relations with that country, the Mizrahi (religious Zionist) Information Service reported this week.

The Mizrahi reported that the goods were being offered for sale in Israel. The Histadrut is the powerful socialist confederation of labor unions in Israel.

Foes Break Up
Mosley Meeting

LONDON.—(WNS)—A meeting of followers of Sir Oswald Mosley which was scheduled to be held in Lewisham, a south London district with a small Jewish population, was broken up by anti-Fascists who used smoke bombs and other objects in their efforts to prevent the meeting. Although the Mosleyites had police protection, they were unable to hold their meeting.

immediate problems has tended to make them overlook the writers—the poets, the novelists, the essayists, the philosophers. It so happens that writers, as a class, as distinct from journalists, habitually allow themselves to be overlooked.

And yet, even Hebrew writers could be roused to the assertion of their value and their place in the new nation.

Some time ago, a group of leading authors in Israel organized with the view of building a project of interest to themselves, to Hebrew literature and to friends of literature everywhere. The name of the project is GIVAT HASOFER, or Writers' Hill.

On a hill by the sea, on the outskirts of Herzliyah, not far from Tel Aviv, on land donated by the municipality, a cluster of houses is to be built, surrounded by gardens, to serve as a Center of Hebrew Literature and Men of Letters in Israel and Abroad.

More about it, next week.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Joshua Goldberg, the most uniformed gentleman in Jewry, on his important new appointment as Navy chaplain.

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THE Government of Israel beats every Government in the world for the number of back seat drivers far beyond the territory under its control. Recently Louis Hollander, of the Amalgamated Union, came back after one of those "thorough trips" and talking to every leader, etc., which make a novice an expert and ruled as follows:

The State of Israel is OK, but it ought to tone down on its Zionism, abolish all vestige of socialism and join the Marshall plan. Simple.

REFORM TEMPLE VOTES TO BAR
MIXED COUPLES, IF BOTH NOT JEWS

LYNN, Mass.—In what was believed to be the first such action by a U. S. Reform congregation, Temple Beth El here has voted to bar from membership any Jew married to a non-Jew, unless the non-Jew has accepted Judaism, it was disclosed this week.

The congregation, by unanimous vote, adopted a resolution to that effect after a talk by its spiritual leader, Rabbi Israel Harburg, urging the congregation to take a definite stand on the issue.

The stand of the Lynn congregation goes well beyond that taken officially by the Reform Central Conference of American Rabbis. The text of the resolution read:

"At the time of application for membership, both husband and wife shall be members of the Jewish Faith, either by birth or by conversion satisfactory to the Rabbi of our Congregation."

Who Can Speak For What Jews?

Israeli, B'nai B'rith Protest
Damascus Outrage; Raise Issues

NEW YORK.—A delicate international problem in Jewish relationships was raised this week when the Israeli Government and a U. S. Jewish civic defense organization both entered protests in the bombing of a Damascus synagogue that cost the lives of 12 Jews. Speculation mounted meanwhile on what effect the sudden change in the Government of Syria would have on the campaign of the Government to hunt down the perpetrators of the outrage.

Arabs Ask Land
For Own Colony

Jerusalem.—(JTA)—A delegation of 30 Arabs from the village of Abu Gosh, located north of Jerusalem, have asked Israeli authorities to grant them a land area for the establishment of a collective settlement, it was reported this week.

The villagers, most of whom are sympathetic to the Sternist Party, offered to pay for the land with their own property in Abu Gosh, including their homes and other immovable property. They attributed their desire to set up a Kibbutz to the frequent land disputes which have broken out among Abu Gosh families and which recently resulted in bloody clashes.

The New and Old

President Husni Zayim, who was arrested and executed in a coup d'etat Saturday, had ordered an immediate hunt for the bombers. He also insisted that the 18 injured Syrian Jews get the best of medical care.

His orders brought the arrest of 11 young men, some of them students, in the bombing. Zayim had asserted that the dignity of the Government was involved and that those arrested would be put on trial, regardless of their political status.

The Israeli Government formally protested to the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission, which quickly sidestepped the problem by forwarding the protest directly to Syria.

At issue was the question of whether and to what extent the Israeli Government may intervene in matters affecting Jews who are nationals of other countries.

Another issue was raised by the action of the B'nai B'rith, in forwarding a protest to U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson. Frank Goldman, B'nai B'rith president, asked Acheson to intervene with the Syrian Government on behalf of the victims of the bombing.

On Humanitarian Grounds

Goldman made his protest on "humanitarian grounds" and asked Acheson to seek "binding assurance from the Syrian Government that families of victims will be compensated, that the guilty will be punished and that steps will be taken to prevent similar outrages in the future."

The text of the Israeli Government protest was not disclosed, so it could not be known whether it had protested equally on "humanitarian grounds" or on some other basis.

Some of the men arrested by the former Syrian Government were known to be anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish but none were believed members of any political group.

The bombing had been generally believed to be in protest against the Palestine peace talks now under way through the UN Conciliation Commission at Lausanne.

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Denies Menorah Journal Sought UJA Funds

Lesser, In New Charge, Says JTA Asked Israel Gov't For Funds

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—The MENORAH JOURNAL resumed fire this week on the Jewish Telegraphic Agency with a flat denial of JTA charges that the magazine had sought funds from the New York United Jewish Appeal.

That charge had been made by the JTA, in its formal reply to an article in the spring, 1949 issue of the MENORAH JOURNAL, which charged the world's largest Anglo-Jewish press association with suppression of news, mismanagement and concealment of vital facts of ownership and operation.

The JTA said that the charge of concealment of its inclusion in the New York UJA "was a deliberate lie motivated by resentment over the refusal to include the MENORAH JOURNAL in that campaign."

Flatly denying the accusation, Allan Lesser, managing editor of the periodical, counter-charged that Jacob Landau, JTA managing director, had as the object of his recent trip to Israel the "express purpose" of soliciting money from the Israeli Government, a plea Lesser said was turned down.

The JTA in its formal reply also commented on a list of 20 questions about its operations which had been prepared by Lesser as part of his report in the spring issue, which he called "The Jewish Telegraphic Agency: an Examination of its Character and Activities."

Stories Really Differ

Lesser, in that article, charged that he sent the 20 questions to George Backer, president of the JTA and of the Overseas News Agency, and that he was never given a reply. The ONA and Seven Arts Feature Syndicate are both JTA auxiliaries.

In its rebuttal, the JTA retorted that Lesser "deliberately withheld the fact that he was repeatedly invited by Mr. Backer to meet him personally to receive the answers and explanations requested, and that he promised to phone back and set the date," but never did so. (NJP Aug. 12).

In his statement to The Post, Lesser gave a substantially different version of his contacts with Backer. Lesser took the position that he had made adequate efforts to reach Backer, that it was the JTA's responsibility to provide a public answer to the questions and that he had not sought and did not want a private answer from the JTA to his questions.

"The formal reply of the JTA to my study of it in the MENORAH JOURNAL offers another example of that news agency's peculiar inability to report facts accurately and completely," Lesser said this week, in his statement to The Post.

Half Truths and Evasions?

"JTA's reply is full of evasions, half-truths and casuistry," Lesser said. "It says it is ready to answer my 20 questions, yet obviously does not dare do so—although it would apparently like readers to consider its reply an answer to those questions."

He accused the JTA of "deliberate misrepresentation" in its formal reply and listed some examples.

He said that the JTA asserted that no attempt was made to conceal relations between the JTA and Overseas News Agency. The

1st Synagogue For Kids Opens

LONG BEACH, L. I.—The only young people's synagogue in the United States was opened here this week.

The congregation of the Bachurei Chemed Synagogue is made up of 63 boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 19, the N. Y. TIMES reported.

It was founded three years ago by Simon Solomon, a Hebrew teacher. The boys and girls conduct strictly Orthodox services.

As the congregation grew, after starting three years ago in Solomon's home the young worshippers hired the American Legion hall. This soon became too small and the young people asked for help in getting their own synagogue.

Fifteen of their parents each contributed \$1,000 to a building fund and work began on the new synagogue.

The two-story building contains a balcony where girls sit during service, in accordance with Orthodox ritual. Downstairs there are recreation rooms, a vestry room and a kitchen.

deducted from State Income Tax returns.

Taking up the charges of news suppression, Lesser noted the JTA admission that it deliberately suppressed the news of Henry Montor's resignation from the United Jewish Appeal last September.

Suppression Scored

In its formal reply, the JTA said that at the request of "leading figures in American Jewish life," it had withheld news of the resignation, arguing that in so doing it had "placed the public interest on a higher level than the public curiosity."

Lesser said that "in other words, JTA admits it is not an independent and adequate news agency for the community but is an instrument of certain 'leading figures'—who happen, incidentally, to control also the American Jewish Committee and the New York UJA."

Lesser commented: "Where then is the essential difference between JTA and the publicity department of UJA?"

Then he charged that the JTA "has not—and I daresay will not—reveal that Mr. Jacob Landau, JTA managing director, went to Israel recently for the express purpose of soliciting funds from the Israeli Government."

"As part of his plea for money—which incidentally was not granted—Mr. Landau even offered to move JTA lock, stock and barrel, to Tel Aviv," Lesser said that offer also was rejected.

Lesser also hit the JTA's claim that its audited reports were available "to duly authorized representatives of the community," a statement in its formal reply which specifically excluded the MENORAH JOURNAL from that classification.

Lesser replied that his charge was based primarily "but not en-

JEWISH ATTORNEY WILL DEFEND NAZI GENERAL IN WAR CRIMES TRIAL

LONDON—(JTA)—Samuel Silkin, a 30-year-old Jewish lawyer, son of Britain's Minister for Town and Country Planning, was selected this week as chief defense counsel for Nazi Field Marshal Fritz Erich von Mannstein who is to face a British military trial at Hamburg next week.

The main indictments against the Nazi Field Marshal are connected with his activities during the German occupation of the Ukraine during which huge massacres of Jews occurred in practically all Ukrainian cities and towns. Silkin was selected as his defender by contributors to a defense fund for von Mannstein set up in Britain. Winston Churchill has contributed one hundred dollars to this defense fund.

tirely, on the authority of the phone call from Mrs. Ida Landau, CJFWF," which he said was recognized generally as a duly authorized representative of the U. S. Jewish community.

He said that on page 241 of his study he had quoted from the January, 1948 report of the CJFWF on the JTA and the ONA as follows:

"... Their respective financial data are not presented separately in the statements presented to Jewish Welfare Funds." Lesser said that the CJFWF gave this fact as the reason why it was able to send only "consolidated" JTA-ONA reports to the local welfare funds.

What Was Said

Lesser denied stating, in his study, that the inclusion of the JTA in the New York UJA was concealed from contributors. He said he did report, on page 242, that contributors were never told that \$150,000 in 1947 and \$165,000 in 1948 were taken out of these relief funds for JTA.

He said flatly that "The Menorah Association and the MENORAH JOURNAL have never asked for funds from the UJA of New York and would refuse such funds if any were offered." Lesser called the charge "not only irrelevant (but) utterly irresponsible."

"Actually, JTA's charge against me—even if it were true, which it is not—has no bearing whatever on the fact that Mr. Backer and the JTA have deliberately refused to this day to make public any answers to my 20 questions," he said, taking up that issue.

Lesser said that the questions were sent to Backer on May 6 by registered mail, "in plenty of time for JTA answers to be published in the MENORAH JOURNAL, if it was so desired, or elsewhere."

Nothing About Questions

Lesser said that the next week, on May 17, he received a tele-

When Lesser said that was inconvenient, Mrs. Landau suggested he call Backer at his home, but "not a word was said about the 20 questions or about any intention to answer them."

"Although, of course, I was under no obligation to seek out Mr. Backer, I agreed to call him," Lesser recounted. "On Thursday morning, May 19, I phoned Mr. Backer at his home and told him I'd be glad to see him. Mr. Backer, however, explained that he was busy getting delegates to an ORT convention, and would I let the matter ride until the end of the following week. Again no mention was made of the 20 questions. And I did not hear from him further."

Lesser said that by the end of the third week, there was still no reply to his 20 questions.

Not For Fun

"I wanted those answers for public information," Lesser said, "not for my own personal edification; and since it was now obvious that Mr. Backer and the JTA were trying to stall for time or did not dare to reply to those questions at all, I waited no longer to send my study off to the printer."

"Since JTA says it is prepared to answer the 20 questions, why don't they? I repeat, I don't want any answers privately from Mr. Backer," Lesser said.

Lesser was understood to refer to a question-by-question answer, and not to the JTA's formal reply or to an exclusive Post story on a partial reply by Boris Smolar, editor-in-chief of the JTA. (NJP July 29).

An analysis of the JTA rebuttal and Smolar's reply indicated that eight of Lesser's 20 questions had not been answered, either completely or in part.

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GERMAN JEWS URGED TO IGNORE McCLOY'S INVITATION TO STAY

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

WHEN U. S. German occupation chief John McCloy recently told a group of German Jews that the barometer of German democracy would be the lot of the Jew and that, because he is confident that Germany can be redeemed, it is important that a Jewish community continue to exist there, he stirred up a storm of discussion in the Yiddish press.



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Certainly, says A. Glantz, in the DAY, the Jews have the right to live in Germany, but it would be advisable for them to waive it. That anti-Semitism is still virulent in Germany was verified by the assault by German police upon those Jews who were peacefully demonstrating against the Munich newspaper which published a pro-Hitler letter. This "pogrom," as it was labelled by the editor of the JOURNAL, is proof that the "denazified" German still has Clay feet.

The savage delight which the German police manifested in attacking the Jews makes a mockery of McCloy's pious statements, roars the JOURNAL. Although all the Yiddish papers reacted with shock at this anti-Jewish brutality in the heart of the American zone, the Russophile FREIHEIT told its readers that the

other papers gave the Munich story less prominence than they give the accounts of alleged anti-Jewish activities behind the Iron Curtain.

The DAY'S A. Shpizman wrote, that self-respecting Jews should not accept the McCloy invitation to "democratize" the Germans; let people like Rabbi Lazaron undertake that mission.

Besides, says Shpizman, citing American Jewish Congress surveys, the remaining Jews in Germany are hardly fit for the roles of missionaries. Half of the Jews in Berlin are inter-married. Many of the others are the toadying type of Jew who are falling hard for the "phony" interfaith movement now being launched in Germany.

Denazification has been a flagrant flop, witness the fact that the number of ex-Nazis in important political posts has been steadily increasing. "Get out of Germany," is the advice offered by most of the Jewish writers to the Jews in the Reich. More than that, suggests A. Glantz, let the religious authorities pronounce a cherem (excommunication) against the cursed land.

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Here's One You Probably Didn't Know

Is there a chapter in the Bible on which there is not a single rabbinical commentary? asks a reader of the JOURNAL. There seems to be such a one, replies ominiscent Dr. Aaron Rosmarin, returned to his "Questions and

CJFWF Plans Conclave Of Jewish Organizations In Bid To Cut Fund-Raising Promotion Costs

NEW YORK—In the hope of cutting high promotional costs of U. S. Jewish fund-raising organizations, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds is collecting detailed information on such outlays, it was disclosed this week.

Expenditures on promotion alone totalled \$8,000,000 in 1948, a sum over and above money spent by local communities in running their local welfare campaigns for the United Jewish Appeal.

The disclosure was made by Boris Smolar,

writing in his Jewish Telegraphic Agency column, "Between You and Me."

Smolar said that as soon as the information has been compiled, the CJFWF, representing the American Jewish community's 265 local federations and welfare funds, will invite the national Jewish organizations to meet on the matter.

Smolar said the conference would be called sufficiently in advance of budget planning by the national organizations, so that some chance of success might be possible.

Answers" Column after a long vacation. It's Ezekiel Chapter 42.

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Reform Never Was

Religious Movement, Says Critic

At the recent Bretton Woods convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, objections to the Orthodox "theocratic" tendencies in Israel were made. Reactions to these strictures, similar to those pronounced by the Conservative rabbinate, were plentiful in the Yiddish press.

The most vituperative blast came from Aaron Zeitlin, in the JOURNAL. Snorting at the Reform rabbis for their "newfound interest" in Israel, Zeitlin takes potshots at the whole liberal movement:

"Reform is not, and never was, a religious movement," he writes. "From the beginning it was a purely secular movement for emancipated money Jews, who were ashamed of the synagogue and who craved for assimilation not only in the salon, but also in the relationship between man and God (They) wanted an organ with a Jewish priest, and they got it after the Geigers supplied the necessary theoretical trivia . . . In America, Reform for years served the money and belly—Judaism of the 'yahudim.' . . . Only recently the Reformers decided that it was time to democratize themselves just as a business firm decides it is expedient to lower prices . . . to do a larger volume of business. Now Reform is even ready to 'temple' in Israel, too. Why not?"

But the Reform movement has always been essentially alien to Jewish folk-life, a kind of snobbery Judaism, in which religion is only something theatrical and a social affair.

If Reform really wants to come close to living Judaism, it has but one alternative: to cease be-

U.S. Gives Publisher Mild Rebuke

Bavaria AMG Chief Can't See Menace In Riot-Provoking Letter

MUNICH—An open invitation in a letter to a German newspaper to Germans to finish the task of exterminating the German Jewish remnant, which led to a riot between Jews and German police last week, was dismissed by the U. S. military governor of Bavaria as "not a serious menace."

In the ugly clash, six Jews and three German policemen were seriously injured. The letter appeared in a U. S. licensed newspaper, Sueddeutsche Zeitung, and was signed "Adolph Bleibtreu," which means "Remain True to Adolph."

The letter told German Jews to "go to America" and it said that the anonymous writer had been told by "several Americans" that the Germans had been blamed that "we did not gas all of them."

A crowd of nearly 750 Jews marched in protest against the viciously anti-Semitic letter and mounted German police poured in. Some drew revolvers, firing directly into the crowd.

German Police Use Clubs

Four Jews were hit and six more were beaten by the police, according to officials of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Order was finally restored when two companies of U. S. military police were brought in.

A JDC official called the riots the worst German anti-Jewish incident since Hitler's defeat.

Publisher Emil Goldshagg said the letter was printed because it "seemed to be interesting as showing an anti-Semitic trend in Germany." He said the paper had "a right" to publish such letters.

Van Wagoner, former Governor of Michigan, made his statement in the form of addressing a letter to "Adolph Bleibtreu."

He said Germany stands on the "threshold of a new era" and that any renewal of the anti-Semitism that helped to "all but destroy" Germany will be "quickly noted and judged."

Decency Growing

He said the forces of "decency and reason" had been on the increase in Germany and because of this he did not believe that Adolph Bleibtreu and his friends were a serious menace.

He described the printing of the letter as a case of "temporary lack of good judgement" on the part of the publisher.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported that when the German police were withdrawn at the riot scene, an American officer addressed the demonstrators in Yiddish.

Declaring that he was not speaking as an American officer, but as a Jew, he said the demonstrations had shown once again that the Jews were not willing to allow themselves to be insulted, according to the JTA.

The Jewish Central Committee started legal proceedings against the paper under the law barring incitement to race hatred, the JTA reported.

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Denver Hospital Hits N. Y. Suit; To Answer With Big Libel Action

National Jewish Post

DENVER—The Board of Trustees of the Jewish Consumptive Relief Society announced this week that a \$3,000,000 libel suit will be its reply to a suit filed by an opposition group to prevent the Society from raising funds in New York.

The suit was filed in New York State Supreme Court last week by N. Y. Attorney General Nathaniel Goldstein on behalf of several former New York trustees and members of the Advisory Council of the Jewish Consumptive Relief Society (JCERS) which operates a 46-year-old hospital in Denver.

The suit charged that the patients were not receiving proper care. It grew out of an explosive board meeting here last spring.

And Quick, Too

Philip Hornbein, Sr., a vice president and one of the founders of the JCERS, said the libel suit will be filed in New York "at the earliest possible moment."

Judge Samuel Dickstein of the N.Y. court signed an order directing the organization to show cause why a temporary injunction should not be granted pending trial of the suit.

Goldstein's action was based on an investigation made at the Denver hospital by the dissident group, which claimed that nursing service was inadequate, that patients remained without treatment for long periods and that drugs had been withheld on grounds of alleged expense.

Mitchell Salem Fisher, New York attorney for the JCERS, denounced the suit and said there was no truth in any of the charges which were listed in the court action.

Fisher said the action was "another development" in an internal political fight which had been going on since 1947.

Assistant Attorney General T. R. Ostrow filed an affidavit asserting that the JCERS collected \$820,000 in the U. S. in 1947, of which \$327,000 was raised in New York.

"These huge amounts have been lavished upon the defendant by sympathetic contributors in the belief that the organization is operating a modern, completely equipped, properly staffed and medically superior type of institution for the care and treatment of victims of tuberculosis," Ostrow said, in asking for the injunction.

He charged that the raising of funds was "tantamount to a fraud upon the public," he said that "to allow such an organization to solicit money offends the public policy which of course recognizes the right only of bona fide accredited welfare agencies to conduct fund-raising appeals in this state."

He charged that Dr. Lewis I. Miller, secretary of the JCERS and chairman of the medical advisory board, had shown "disrespect and insolence" in dealing with the N. Y. Attorney General's office.

Good Job Until—

He said that during most of its existence, the JCERS had justified the faith of the public in its work but that some time ago, patients had formed a grievance committee for the alleged purpose of making known dissatisfaction with the present administration of the hospital.

Ostrow said that as a result, the organization's advisory council in New York formed an investigating committee, which made a study in Denver at its own expense.

According to Ostrow, the committee found there was no clinic

for the treatment of ailments other than tuberculosis and that the institution had allegedly failed to keep up with modern therapeutic methods.

The Denver organization started an action in N. Y. Federal Court last October against a group of trustees to compel them to turn over \$18,000 to the JCERS. The money was the net proceeds from a benefit football game held at the Polo Grounds a year earlier.

The dissident group filed a counter-claim, charging mismanagement of the hospital.

All Charges False

Hornbein, in his statement promising a libel suit, said the charges against the JCERS were "false, fantastic and slanderous—maliciously so."

He charged that the New York group has been seeking for two years to seize control of the society but had been defeated twice in New York federal courts in their bids to uphold funds collected for the JCERS hospital.

"The standing of our institution is very high," he said. "The Colorado State Board of Health has certified it as being excellently managed. The seal of approval on the life-saving work of the JCERS has been stamped by all the country's major standardizing medical, surgical and health bodies."

Plenty of OKs

He said that the hospital currently has approval of the American Medical Association, the American College of Chest Physicians, the American College of Surgeons, the American Hospital Association, the National Tuberculosis Association, the Colorado Tuberculosis Society and the Denver Tuberculosis Society.

Charges of inadequate treatment of patients were denied by Dr. John B. Grow, assistant professor of surgery at the University of Colorado Medical College and thoracic surgeon at the JCERS hospital.

He said the hospital makes available to its patients the most

L. A. Arms Trial Postponed Month

National Jewish Post

LOS ANGELES—Trial of a group of defendants on arms smuggling charges in connection with the Palestine war was postponed last week until Sept. 27.

Those facing trial include seven of eight persons indicted by a federal grand jury in the second of such indictments returned since the end of the Palestine fighting.

The seven surrendered voluntarily to federal authorities in Los Angeles. (NJP June 17).

modern treatment, the patients get regular checkups and that the hospital has a full consultant staff of leading physicians.

"The latest drugs are administered to the patient without regard to their costliness," he said. "No one ever told me to limit the use of drugs because of their cost."

Hornbein said that delegates from JCERS auxiliaries throughout the U. S. met here Aug. 12 to 16 and adopted a resolution denouncing the dissident group as "saboteurs of a great humanitarian institution of healing."

Redoubled Effort

Mrs. Mark Harris, president of the national council of JCERS auxiliaries, who presided at the conference, said that the delegates pledged themselves to redouble the fund-raising efforts in their communities "to offset the damage done by public vilification of the JCERS."

The meeting held here last spring centered over the refusal of the dissident local authorities to help support the Denver hospital as long as annual meetings were held in Denver rather than in New York. (NJP April 8).

Big Battle In April

At that meeting, which was marked by yelling, booing and cat-calling, Hornbein said the dissidents were acting illegally themselves, that a Colorado corporation should properly have its annual meeting in Colorado and that money collected for the care of patients should not be used for anything else.

The meeting disclosed that more than \$250,000 in contributions was being withheld by the dissident auxiliaries, pending outcome of the fight.

MONTOR CONFIRMS BOND DRIVE DROPPED TO SAVE 1950 UJA

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Henry Montor, director of the 1949 United Jewish Appeal drive, this week confirmed reports that a proposal for a \$250,000,000 bond drive for Israel had been cancelled for fear it would wreck the 1950 United Jewish Appeal, as reported exclusively in The Post.

Montor, who was in Israel at the time the bond drive was decided upon, and who reportedly had been scheduled to be one of its sponsors, told The Post that the Israel Government had made a comprehensive analysis of the possibilities of a loan.

"In addition to its own analysis, the Government received representations from various important sources, official and unofficial, in the United States," Montor told The Post. "Much of the opinion from America said that 'free dollars' would be vital in 1950 for Israel's economy; that the issuance of bonds by the Government of Israel would be misunderstood by some prospective investors and would seriously jeopardize if not imperil the United Jewish Appeal."

Montor said that The Government of Israel thought the matter over and recognized "the vital significance of the UJA for absorption of immigration."

He said the Israeli Government

thereupon decided "it would not undertake any bond issue in the United States in 1950. It is placing complete reliance on the support which the Jews of the United States will give to the United Jewish Appeal in 1950."



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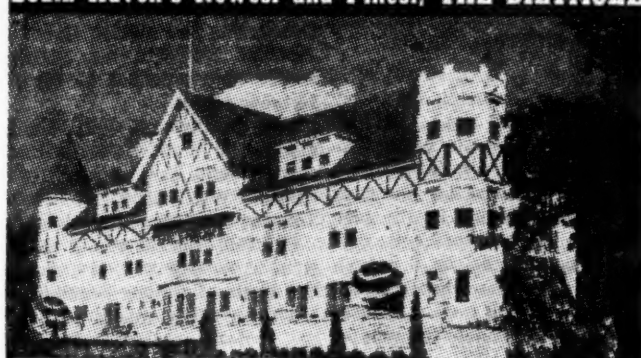
Tourists Are Wanted, Says Israel Official

PHILADELPHIA—Widespread reports that Israel would prefer not to have tourists during the present housing and material shortages were refuted this week by an Israeli official.

In a letter published in the Philadelphia Jewish TIMES, F. G. Nathan, director of the Tourist Information Center in Jerusalem, said there was "no truth" in such reports.

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Names In The News

McCLOY TELLS GERMAN LEADERS
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WORLD-WIDE anxieties evoked by the determination of U.S. foreign policy makers to revive Germany industrially were eased slightly by a rigorous rebuke from High Commissioner designate John McCloy, to German leaders who asked him to forget Nazi atrocities.

A German official asked McCloy to "forget Dachau and Belsen concentration camps and think of us Germans in terms of the new Germany." McCloy responded that "while I shall do everything in my power to help you get a fresh start and win a dignified and responsible place in the family of nations, I shall not forget Dachau and Belsen."

ish humorist, who wrote under the name of "Der Tunkeler," died in New York of a heart attack at 68, according to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Mrs. EDITH COHEN MANISCHEWITZ, widow of Max Manischewitz, former first vice president of the B. Manischewitz Co., died last week at Mount Sinai Hospital at 58.

With The Rabbis

APPOINTMENTS—Rabbi BEN-ZION C. KAGENOFF has been named spiritual leader of Ohev Shalom Congregation, the oldest Orthodox congregation in Washington, D. C.

Rabbi SAMUEL WEISENBERG has been elected spiritual leader of Congregation Tiferet Israel in Everett, Mass.

Rabbi SIDNEY STEIMAN who has served Temple Israel, Nantasket, for the past six years, has been elected rabbi of Temple Hillel of Dorchester, Mass.

Rabbi HERMAN E. GROSSMAN has been named assistant rabbi at Har Zion Temple in Philadelphia, succeeding Rabbi YAAKOV ROSENBERG who resigned to become spiritual leader of Temple Beth Zion in Philadelphia.

The West Philadelphia Jewish Community Center has elected Rabbi ISRAEL SCHEFFLER as assistant to Rabbi C. David Matt.

Congregation B'nai Israel of Olney, Pa., has elected Rabbi ISADORE BUDICK as spiritual leader and principal of its new Hebrew school.

Tiny Calabassas, Calif., has organized a West Valley Hebrew Center and has chosen Rabbi PHILIP WEINBERG of Kilgore, Tex., as its first spiritual leader.

BIRTHS—Rabbi and Mrs. BYRON T. RUBENSTEIN announce the birth of a son, Jonathan, at Michigan City, Ind.

The Junior Mizrahi Women's Organization of America is now undertaking a social-service program to supplement the group's child-care program in Israel.

Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute changes by radio networks.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 — Rabbi Philip D. Bookstaber of Temple Ohev Shalom, Harrisburg, Pa., eighth speaker representing all wings of U. S. Judaism, on a Special series on the "Message of Israel" program, 10 a.m., EDT, ABC.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 — Hannah Arendt, noted writer, guest panelist on the new summer series "The Words We Live By" on the "Eternal Light" program, 12:30 p. m., EDT, NBC.

Lilienthal's Daughter
Married In Washington

WASHINGTON—Miss Nancy Lilienthal, daughter of Chairman David E. Lilienthal of the Atomic Energy Commission, and Sylvain Bromberger of New York, were married here last week.

The bride, formerly an economist with the Department of Labor, was given in marriage by her father. Miss Phyllis Rosenberg of New Bedford, Mass., a classmate of the bride at Radcliffe College, was the bride's only attendant.

Bromberger served with the 405th Infantry in Europe and is now a graduate student at Columbia University.

Acheson Says Arms
Needed By Arab States

WASHINGTON (JTA)—Arms shipments are necessary for the "stability of the governments" of Arab states so "that they are capable of maintaining law and order," Secretary of State Dean Acheson told Sen. Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin in a letter this week.

Sen. Wiley had written Acheson, asking that the Department not support the recommendations of acting Palestine mediator Ralph J. Bunche that the arms can be lifted. The Secretary of State said in the letter that United Nations delegate Warren Austin set forth "the expressed position of this government" before the Security Council.

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"Nissim" has a cripple being advised to shed his crutch and lean on faith. He accepts this cure and tumbles into the gutter. "Es S'Veit el Is Nish t Ay! Ay" philosophizes that God's good, green world is not so good. The last song is "Dos Lied Fun Alten Buchar," a bachelor lament to the effect that if he had ingredients to bake a cake, he would bake a cake—if he had a woman to bake it.

As can be recognized by the titles, all these songs are warm and compassionate. They have a timeless quality, which is why they have endured through the years and why you will find yourself playing them much more often than merely once.

Mr. Brodyn, whose name is not at all unfamiliar to many of you, gives the six selections a smooth, yet harlequinade, rendition. In the great mass of Jewish and Hebrew music, no one has given much thought to recording the simple, heterogeneous folk songs of a people. With the Jewish legitimate theater on the way out, except perhaps in New York City, and with Jewish ballad singers a thing of the rosy past, there is almost a real need for more albums of this sort. No doubt if and when they are put on wax, the Stinson company will do its share of the recording. J. G.

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Israel Records On
Long-Playing Discs

NEW YORK—(NJP)—Future recordings of the Israel Music Foundation will be produced in the long-playing type as well as the standard speed variety, the Foundation announced this week. Two albums are scheduled for release this fall, "Songs of Hope" and "Israel Folk Dances."

NAZI-LOOTED RITUAL OBJECTS
TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN U. S.

NEW YORK (JTA)—Some 3,500 ceremonial objects looted by Nazis from synagogues and Jewish homes in Europe between 1938 and 1945 are en route to this country for redistribution to Jewish museums, synagogues and community centers in the Western Hemisphere, it was announced here this week. They will be stored in the Jewish Museum of New York.

These treasures of historic and artistic value, which include silverware and textiles, are only a part of the collection which was recovered by Allied military authorities after V-E Day. They were stored together with hundreds of thousands of Jewish books, as unidentifiable Jewish property, in the depot of Offenbach, under the guardianship of the American authorities in Germany.

objects to the British Commonwealth country and Western European Jewish communities.

Jewish Cultural Reconstruction, Inc., a non-profit organization, whose membership consists of Jewish national and international organizations in this country and abroad, receives its operational funds from the American Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

A great quantity of the ceremonial objects is now being shipped to the Jewish Agency for Palestine, which will arrange for its distribution in Israel with the Ministry of Religious Affairs. Several hundred Torah scrolls have been turned over to the American Joint Distribution Committee in Paris for the arduous task of examination, transfer, and distribution in Israel. Jewish Cultural Reconstructions, Inc., which handles the project, has also allocated a certain amount of these

Rush Aid To Jews
Hit by Quito Quake

BUENOS AIRES — (WNS) — Emergency aid to the Jewish victims of the Ecuador earthquake was rushed by the Quito office of the Joint Distribution Committee and more aid has been offered to the stricken communities by the JDC office at Buenos Aires, it was disclosed here by Jacob Lightman, director of the JDC for Latin American countries.

No details of the extent of the damage suffered by Jews in the 50 stricken towns and villages are yet available. Jewish communities are believed to have suffered heavily.

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SHARETT

The New Tradition

Rabbi CHAIM ISAAC KORB, head of the department of Talmud at the Hebrew Theological College of Chicago for the past 20 years, is retiring in the new tradition. He will spend the rest of his life in Israel as a permanent resident. The school's board of directors will create a testimonial fund to enable the scholar to continue his studies in Israel.

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Women's Viewpoint

MARRIAGE FIRST, LOVE LATER? NOT FOR ALL OUR ANCESTORS!

By HELEN COHEN

IN HIS discourse on marriage and love, Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein of Chicago's K.A.M. Temple would have had us believe that in less hectic times, Jewish youth stood by sedately while their wiser and more experienced parents arranged suitable marriages for them. He wrote: "Our Bible tells us that Isaac brought Rebekah into



his mother's tent, took her to marriage and then loved her and was comforted for the loss of his mother. The commentators, especially Samson Raphael Hirsch, emphasize the order of the verbs in this sentence. Love comes after marriage—it is an after-marriage plant—only love created in the day-by-day tests of close domestic living can be permanent enough for a foundation of the home."

I have a few quotations from a recent scholarly tome by the late Rabbi Louis M. Epstein, "Sex Laws and Customs in Judaism," which reveal a little of the temper of more benign ages.

A 17th century sage, Rabbi Isaiah Horowitz, instructs his family thus: "Be very careful that before nuptials the groom shall not sit near the bride, as is the custom in this wicked generation, when not only this is the case, but he even hugs and kisses her. Woe unto the eyes that see this and the ears that hear of this."

And we find an 18th century moralist, Rabbi J. Eybeschütz, in favor of strict regulations concerning pre-nuptial association:

"I shall from now on endeavor with all my might to set up restrictions and I shall not permit the engagement to be written until both parties obligate themselves by solemn pledge that they shall not touch each other until their wedding."

And again we find this: "Often because of strict home regulations, laxity resulted outside, the sages complained, but legally the couple to be married are to be strangers to each other until married."

Well, what do you know, Rabbi. They had young people in those days, too.

★ ★ ★
AT Wildacres I ran across a little book for children, "All About Us," by Eva Knox Evans, which attempts to reach young minds with the message that one kind of skin or nose or hair doesn't entitle a person to feel and act superior to other people.

Miss Evans is to be commended for her earnest endeavor, although her effectiveness in persuading the young readers is a matter of conjecture unless she can convince their parents as well.

One of the illustrations, with the words beneath reading "They had no way of choosing their parents," shows a little girl scanning a newspaper ad which reads, "Bargain sale today. Parents \$1.98 a pair. Full pedigree. All modern installations and equipment. All sizes. Come in four colors."

"All About Us," which is published by Capital Publishing Co., 139 5th Ave., New York, N. Y., has a forward by Albert Einstein, who writes "The struggle for an unprejudiced attitude towards the simple and yet so often misunderstood facts of human existence must start at the still flexible mind of the child."

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OUR not-quite-four Debby, who has frequently attended Saturday morning services with us, has become enchanted with the song "En Kelohanu," and asks to have it sung for her on the least provocation.

If you get the idea that I'm inferring that "En Kelohanu" is only suitable for four-year-olds, I didn't say it in so many words.

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THE National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has published a 47-page book of original prayers in modern, colloquial English.

Jane Evans, executive director, declared that "the prayers reflect the needs, hopes and aspirations of all men and women everywhere" and felt that the booklet would "prove of utmost value to large numbers of Jewish organizations."

The Book of Prayers may be obtained for 75 cents from the Merchants Bldg., Cincinnati, O., or 3 East 65th St., New York City.

★ ★ ★
I TOOK the children swimming at the local pool not long ago and the cutest figure to grace the edge of the water was owned by one of our young matrons, Mrs. Rudy Klapper, mother of five (5) children.

ALL-DAY SCHOOL HEAD

MINNEAPOLIS (NJP)—Rabbi Morris A. Levy of New York was named this week as director of the Torah Academy, the first all-day school in the upper midwest, succeeding Lewis Ginsburg, who had been interim director.

A hundred and fifty young newcomers from North Africa have recently established in a children's home sponsored by the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America in Tel Arish, Israel.



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Orkin Ratner

● Mrs. Joseph Merlin, 3715 Blanche Ave., Cleveland Heights, O., writes:

Can you tell me what the name "Orkin" means? It seems that almost all the Orkins we have bumped into are distantly related, having emigrated from the environs of Riga.

Orkin is a family name derived



from the Hebrew name Aron. In some sections of Russia the name Aron is treated as if were spelled Oron. The Slavonic termination "... kin" means "descended from" so that

Orkin means "descended from (a man named) Aron." It is a widespread Russian-Jewish name and its bearers are not necessarily related. An English equivalent name would be Aronson.

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● E. Ratner of Jamaica, N. Y. writes:

Please tell me the origin of the name Ratner. My father came from Russia.

Ratner is a name of geographical origin. It was formed out of the name of the town of Ratno in Poland. The town has a population of 2,500, of whom 1,800 were Jewish before the Hitler onslaught. The name of the town was derived from a Ukrainian word meaning "rough linen." The neighborhood was a linen-producing center for many centuries.

● If you think these names are unique in their history, you have a surprise coming. Jewish names are not a meaningless jumble of letters. YOUR name, too, has a meaning rich in the story of a great people. Write to Mr. Pearlroth, care of The Post and find out what your name means.

What Foods These Morsels Be

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A VARIETY of ideas for preparing veal, which should add to your eating pleasure is offered this week.

BREADED VEAL CUTLETS

Have cutlets cut 1/2 inch thick. Season well with salt and pepper. Dip in flour or bread crumbs, let stand to dry, then in beaten egg diluted with 1 or 2 tablespoons cold water, and again in bread crumbs. Preferably, let stand in refrigerator 15 minutes so that crumbs may set. Fry in a small amount of hot fat until well browned on both sides. Pour a little water or tomato juice (not more than 1 cup) into frying pan, cover, and let simmer 45 minutes; or bake covered in oven at 300 degrees for 45 minutes. The cutlets may be simmered first, then breaded and fried.

DEEP-FRIED VEAL CUTLETS

Have cutlets cut in small pieces. Let simmer in water 45 minutes or until tender, dip in fritter batter and fry in deep fat at 375 degrees until well browned. (If a 1-inch cube of bread browns in deep fat in 50 seconds, the temperature is 375 degrees.)

VEAL AND SPAGHETTI IN TOMATO SAUCE

1 1/2 pounds veal
4 cups tomato juice
2 onions, chopped fine
2 bay leaves
2 cloves garlic, chopped
2 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 1/2 cups cooked spaghetti
Cut veal into 1 or 1 1/2-inch cubes, place in pot, add tomato juice to cover, add onions, garlic, bay leaves, sugar and salt, and let simmer covered an hour and a half or until meat is tender. Add cooked spaghetti, and mix well. Taste, and add more seasoning if desired. Heat thoroughly, and serve.

● The Post will send one of Tina Lohman's famous cook books to each reader whose recipe is printed as "The Recipe of the Week."

Concentration Camp Now Jewish Kids City

NEW YORK, (JTA)—A former German concentration camp in Norway has been converted into a "children's city" for Jewish children threatened by tuberculosis, the Norwegian Information Service revealed here.

The children will be accommodated at the camp at Holmenstrand for about eight months after which they will proceed to Israel if their health permits. The "city" will accommodate 200 children at a time and it is expected that a total of 600 will be treated there.

Peron May Aid Israel In Vatican Dispute

BUENOS AIRES, (JTA)—Yaacov Tzur, Israeli Minister to Argentina, may seek the good offices of the Argentine Government to intercede with the Vatican with regard to the Jerusalem issue on which Israel and the Vatican do not see eye to eye, it was reliably reported here this week.



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Hate Much Less In Canada, Report

MONTREAL, (JTA)—Anti-Semitism does not present an immediate menace to the Jewish community of Canada today, according to a survey made public here by Saul Hayes, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

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The Editor's Chair

YOU'LL HAVE NOTICED the letter in last week's National Jewish Post suggesting that the total Jewish community, rather than the B'nai B'rith, get behind the "Wildacres Plan" of Institutes of Judaism throughout the country. It so happens that B'nai B'rith has a good record of sponsoring projects which other organizations didn't have the vision to undertake.

Since the write-ups in The Post about Wildacres, I've had many communications about similar experiments throughout the country by other organizations. I may have heard here or there about these institutes, but they failed to get what Wildacres is getting—some national publicity—and if as an Anglo-Jewish editor I knew of them only faintly, then what can be expected of the average reader?

What is needed then is a promotion job. Here is the plan of Maurice Weinstein, who has put on the Wildacres Institute almost single-handedly for the past two years.

Maurice writes: "My recommendation to national B'nai B'rith shall be that B'nai B'rith operate the Institute at Wildacres for a month this coming summer (1950), then plan for an Institute in various sections of the United States for the following year. Then a year later attempt to set up an Institute in each of the states. (I'm) . . . also thinking of recommending that in those states where a location similar to Wildacres is not available at a reasonable cost, that Hillel Houses on university campuses be used. B'nai B'rith has dozens of fine Hillel Houses with libraries and all facilities, in various parts of the country that stand practically idle in the summer-time. A college campus has a certain appeal that should draw."

My own opinion is that B'nai B'rith national leadership won't seize the opportunity. Judging from a letter I saw from one national B'nai B'rith official, I hardly see any evidence of the readiness to pioneer in this field which is needed. I wanted to talk to Phil Klutznick, a member of the national executive board of B'nai B'rith, about the Institute, but when I got to Chicago I discovered that he stays out of the city he's building about 30 miles away.

My own feeling is that the Synagogue Council should sponsor these national institutes but I know that it doesn't have a budget large enough to even pay for the stationery the project would need. My next best bet would be the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which certainly has the leadership with vision to see the full potentialities of the Wildacres plan.

Well, we'll see. But anyway, it is only proper that B'nai B'rith be given the opportunity to take over the project.

Editorial Page

The Path of Cowardice

LIKE the notorious bandit Dillinger, The Detroit Jewish CHRONICLE last week took editorial note of the "stir" caused by its opposition to a large scale chalutzut movement of young U. S. Jewish pioneers to Israel. It also manages to twist its hand into a tortuous position to pat itself on the back for taking that position, but fails to note that the fingers became tainted with a bright color from a wide swath down its back.

The CHRONICLE pictures "an exodus . . . (that) . . . will offset decades of education and propaganda on behalf of brotherly understanding and goodwill" and charges that "The Post wants to inculcate doubt . . . of American Jewry's loyalty to the U. S. . . in the minds of all Americans."

The CHRONICLE's worries about "bleeding" the American Jewish community of its youth but its worry is based on shallowness and a cowardly understanding of democracy.

The CHRONICLE continually repeats that Israel is a foreign state now, as if thereby U. S. Jews must become second-class citizens and show their interest and support for the newborn state so gingerly that the CHRONICLE's hundred per cent Americanism be not suspect.

The fact of the matter is that the CHRONICLE's concept of democracy and America's role in the world and the world of the future which the United Nations is trying to carve out is a narrow one. For Jews, according to the CHRONICLE, it must be even narrower. U. S. Jews cannot do what other U. S. citizens may do.

Chalutzut, it might be noted, is nothing new in the U. S. Jewish community. The CHRONICLE has yet to attack those Americans who are now in Israel giving of their consecrated democratic support to the infant state. This seems to mean that the CHRONICLE is opposed to a successful Chalutz movement, but is willing to overlook a feeble one.

Chalutzut can either be desertion as the

CHRONICLE contends, or it can become the glorious expression of the highest kind of faith in democracy, democracy which says that without democracy in other parts of the world, democracy cannot flower in the U. S.

Non-Jews have always looked down upon the Jew who tried to emasculate himself and deny his Jewish background. The non-Jew will not criticize but rather will praise the young Americans who give up their lives of ease to devote themselves to helping the new nation to get established.

The Post would not concern itself so deeply with the CHRONICLE's misshapen sense of rightness were it not for the fact that at this particular moment many people want to follow exactly that kind of a lead. This fear approach will take us back to the easy-going days when the principal occupation of the U. S. Jewish community was good-will meetings and its one unity was an abhorrence of direct mass action.

Now is the time not to wave the white flag. It would be distressing for Israel, but it would be disastrous for the U. S. Jewish community. It will take courage and strength to stand up squarely on this issue. The easy path is to go back to the country club and play another round of golf. The road to the kind of a world democracy points to is rocky and tortuous and steep.

The CHRONICLE is determined to saddle its weak-kneed understanding of democracy on the American Jewish community. The CHRONICLE's fears make of Zionism a chauvinistic movement of the worst kind. The Post is less harsh. The Post feels that the rebirth of Israel offers the world the experiment of a nation devoted to the highest principles of justice and righteousness attempting to work out social and economic problems so complex that western civilization is being almost submerged in seeking to cope with them.

Make Room for the Young People at High Holy Day Services

THOUGHTS of synagogue officials are beginning to turn at this time to arrangements for the High Holy Days and seat sales are being arranged, if not already started.

The seat sale seems to be traditional, at least in American Jewish congregational life. In many congregations, seats cost extra over and above the cost of membership. In this writer's congregation, a Reconstructionist one, seats for the High Holy Days are charged for, but as a member of the congregation, the writer is given a 50 per cent reduction.

There are many valid reasons why such a situation must exist. If people want a synagogue, we will be told, then they will support it. Even if the synagogue was free and open to all, attendance would not be greater, etc., you will hear. The same people who refuse to support their synagogue adequately will spend an amount equal to a year's dues at a night club or at the races and so on.

All of which is true.

But it is equally true that many deserving young families are kept out of the synagogue because of their inability to pay dues. This is a dilemma which all congregations face, even those bulging ones with nearly 2,000 members

who can't, under any circumstances, seat all those who wish to pray on the High Holy Days.

The young couple, the young working people, therefore do not present themselves at services even on this occasion. It would be safe to say that the American Jewish community has come far enough back on the road to Judaism, so that all the young people would like to participate in High Holy Day services. No longer do the intellectuals consider it a sign of a lack of moral courage to walk through the portals of the synagogue.

Just how the synagogue could be opened to all and yet manage to keep itself in dignity is the problem. Offering free memberships to those not able to pay, but willing to admit their poverty, is not the answer. The organic community, as described in the reports in The Post on the experiment of Rabbi Max Vorspan at Pasadena, offers the eventual solution. However, that day is far off even for a small and well-advanced and well-integrated community like Indianapolis.

So this editorial is aimed at stirring up some reaction from synagogue officials on the subject. What do you think should be done about it, Mr. Synagogue President?

Who Should Protest?

OUT of the Damascus incident should come some clarification of the respective roles of Jewish communities in their relationships to Jews in other lands.

Recognizing that the bombing of the Damascus synagogue, causing the death of many Jews, was cause for protest, U. S. national Jewish organizations asked the U. S. State Department to make representations to the Syrian Government. Jews in other lands are being persecuted because they are Jews and the U. S. Government has traditionally shown its concern about any kind of persecution.

But the Israeli Government also has protested—to the United Nations. Such a protest may mean that the Israeli Government considers the Jews of Damascus as part of its concern. Obviously those U. S. Jewish organizations that protested to our State Department have not reached such a conclusion. The protest of B'nai B'rith must have been made on the basis that the Damascus Jews had no one to protect them.

Some clarification is in order and no doubt will be forthcoming shortly.

Smith Blanketed In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—Gerald L. K. Smith, leading U. S. hate-peddler, left this city after a one-day stand during which he spoke to a nearly-empty hall, the Jewish Community Bulletin of San Francisco reported last week.

Hailing the results as proof of the effectiveness of the "quarantine treatment," the Anglo-Jewish weekly said that Smith came on July 17.

"The following evening the appeared as a principal speaker at a meeting held at the Marines Memorial club at Sutter and Mason streets," the weekly reported.

"The meeting was called by one of Smith's front organizations, the Anti-Communist League of California, a name that doubtless deceived some as to its nature and purpose," the weekly said.

"For hours, America's No. 1 anti-Semite ranted against Jews and other groups of good Americans, but for the most part he spoke to empty chairs. His hall was only sparsely filled."

The weekly said that the disappointed hate-monger left San Francisco the next day, "in search of better and more profitable work."

World Court Meet Soon, Says Tabak

JERUSALEM—Dr. Israel Tabak, president of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency this week that a world rabbinical conference will be called here "shortly" to discuss establishment of a supreme religious authority.

The proposal for such a supreme authority was initiated by the Rabbinical Council earlier this year. Disclosure that the Orthodox rabbis had entered into formal negotiations for such an authority brought sharp criticism from other wings of U.S. Judaism.

(Chief Rabbi Israel Herzog of Israel told The Post during his recent tour of the United States for the United Jewish Appeal, that the proposed authority would have no powers and that adherence to its decisions would be purely voluntary for all Jews.)

Jewish Educator's Son Dies From Polio

NEWTON CENTRE, Mass. (NJP)—Funeral services were held last week for Lee Marenoff, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Shlomo Marenoff, noted Jewish educators. The youth was a sudden victim of infantile paralysis.

He contacted the disease while at Camp Masada. His father is an associate professor at Brandeis University, heading the department of Semitics and Near East cultures.

Israeli Police Kill Arab Criminal Gang

TEL AVIV (JTA)—Four members of an armed Arab gang which infiltrated Israeli territory from the Samaria area were killed this week in the vicinity of Hedera by Israeli police.

The four were killed when the Israeli police, having pursued them to a cave hideout, returned their heavy fire. It is believed the gang, of whom many were wounded in the exchange of fire, were responsible for a number of murders and robberies which recently took place in the Samaria area.

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Some Reactions To Wildacres

HAPOEL FAR FROM MEDIEVALISM, READER SAYS, REBUKING KAPLAN

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

The "sole effective driving force left to Judaism", you say Kaplan tells us, consists of "cooperation". And "cooperation" is defined in terms of fluid concepts of social justice sought after by the non-religious and the anti-religious. This does make it perfectly plain why Kaplan is quite at home with the non's and the anti's, and finds no place with a Zionist group which thinks a religious program is something different than a non-religious program.

When Kaplan adds, however, that the Hapoel Hamizrachi still believes in the "magic" of religion, we find him echoing Orthodox sermons. Torah-true rabbis, and indeed the majority of conservative spiritual leaders, have frequently referred to the astounding efficacy in life of prayer, of mitzvah, of the Bible—the magic of religion. The point is that all preachers are using emotive terminology—words intended to evoke emotional response, rather than to convey hard, well-

defined ideas. This is a prerogative of the preacher. But it must not mislead.

Kaplan, by the backdrop of "medievalism" intends to evoke a negative reaction. But Hapoel Hamizrachi is as far from medievalism as Kaplan is from Hapoel Hamizrachi. The leading religious party in Israel, it represents a vibrant, dynamic orthodoxy, which emphasizes the social-economic aspects of Judaism. For us however, economic progressivism is only one necessary aspect of religion. It is not all-inclusive. There still remain as "effective driving forces" relations between man and his people and above all, between man and his God.

Let those who wish to accept a religion without deity—or with diluted deity—beware lest the feeling of having been cheated come, not after facile verbal explanation, but after the frustration born of futile search.

A. LEO LEVIN

Glenview, Ill.

JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS BEEN DOING A "WILDACRES" FOR PAST SIX YEARS

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

... It will interest you to know that even though this comes to you as a new phenomena on the American Jewish scene, such institutes have already been carried on very successfully for the past six years under the sponsorship of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

When I became national adviser of this group, I urged the Federation to undertake a program of adult Jewish education as one of its major projects. In August, 1944, the National Federation in cooperation with the National Academy for Adult Jewish studies of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America sponsored a Layman's Institute which met for one full week at the Seminary in New York City. Members of the Faculty of the Seminary were the instructors and 30 students from Chicago, Philadelphia and Metropolitan New York attended the sessions which included complete Sabbath week end with the traditional services, Shabbas Zemros and study. In July, 1945, 50 students were enrolled in the second annual National Laymen's Institute, and in

June, 1946, 75 laymen came from all sections of the country to attend the third institute. So it has continued in a modified form during these six years.

The most important development came when members of the National Federation who could not come to New York urged that such Institutes be carried out on a regional basis. Thus each year, in addition to the national gathering, the local members of the Federation sponsored Laymen's Institutes in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Detroit, Boston, Chicago and Baltimore. The latter four have been conducting their Institutes at country clubs and estates even as the B'nai B'rith Institute was held in North Carolina.

It is the aim of the National Federation which now numbers over 20,000 members in 165 clubs from coast to coast, to establish such regional Laymen's Institutes in every section of the country. These courses of study are open to every member of the community.

RABBI JOEL S. GEFFEN
New York

UNITED SYNAGOGUES MENS CLUBS HAVE SUCCESSFUL PLAN — FABER

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

You surely outdid yourself in enthusiasm over the retreat at Wildacres. Of course, everybody who has a sound mind would concur that every creative impulse in Jewish life ought to be encouraged and strengthened. Its only a puzzle why you singled out Wildacres as an ideal model for Adult Jewish Education. Don't you know that this approach was tried before and is currently quite popular among the Men's Clubs affiliated with the United Synagogue? It's a going concern in New England, Detroit, etc., whereby the combination of scenery with inspiring learning is fully utilized. Just read the last issue of the TORCH for further references.

You had better be careful in pushing the idea of Wildacres into the lap of any particular or-

ganization. You might soon find yourself together with the rest of us who devote lifetimes to the problem, staggering in bewilderment at the ingenuity with which national organizations fight with one another and duplicate one another's work in showing that they have the absolutely reliable cure to the perennial illness of ignorance.

RABBI SALAMON FABER
Pittsburgh.

POINT FOUR TALKS

WASHINGTON.—(JTA)—The Senate Banking and Currency Committee this week opened hearings on the implementation of President Truman's "Point Four" program to lend American technical aid and investments to Israel and other underdeveloped areas of the world.

Institutes Pointless In Present Situation

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

I am not much of an Orthodox Jew but your fulsome praise for the so-called Institute of Judaism at Wildacres is to me laughable.

I maintain these theses:

First, a shul, synagogue or temple which considers itself Orthodox but does not have a minyan once a day does not need either a million-dollar edifice, a highly paid rabbi or an ignorant for a president.

Second, a B'nai B'rith whose so-called clubrooms are maintained and paid for from the rake-off of poker, etc., is not a force for Orthodox Judaism.

Third, these Johnny-come-latelys and those hedge-priests who pose as rabbis will not build up Orthodox Judaism with golden-tongued oratory. The Talmud advises that teaching be done by constant repetition of the subject. That is tough on the teacher and on the pupil. I know. For a while I taught civil engineering to small groups privately and the constant repetition upon which I insisted nearly drove some of the pupils crazy but they thanked me afterwards. It stuck. You can not teach with a glib tongue.

Fourth, the control of the congregation and of the rabbi by gamblers, shyster lawyers and others of their type does not make for Judaism, neither Orthodox nor Reform.

JOSEPH WEBB

Charleston, W. Va.

Young Israel Pioneered In Institutes—Kellner

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

... On your valuable comments about the importance and growth of adult institutes in the American Jewish community you have overlooked the most outstanding, and by far the most successful, of such programs, sponsored by the National Council of Young Israel. Under the brilliant and dynamic leadership of Dr. Samson R. Weiss, this school has become the model for many others that hope to emulate its high standards and remarkable progress.

... it would repay many fold if you set aside one evening or more to observe how hundreds of enthusiastic young men and women come from all parts of the metropolitan area (of New York) to be instructed in the measureless treasure which is the tradition of our people...

RABBI ABRAHAM A. KELLNER
Long Branch, N. J.

BB Official In D.C. Never Doubted Success

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

... I am interested because I happen to be the chairman of the Committee on Jewish Education for District Grand Lodge No. 5 of B'nai B'rith, in which district is included the state of North Carolina. I noted with interest the plans to extend this Institute for 30 days next year.

I was never in doubt about its success because the 1948 Institute which was the first of its kind was also very successful...

ABE SHEFTERMAN
Washington, D. C.

Eddie Jacobson, one-time partner of President Truman, was "thrilled" by the Bessie Gotsfeld Children's Village and Farm School at Raanana, Israel, he recently reported to the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America.

ISRAELI RABBINATE MISSED CHANCE IN TISHA B'AV RULING, HE SAYS

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

The Forward, a Jewish Daily, of July 23, carried a news item which if true is perturbing. This item, reported by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, stated that in reply to the question posed by the Turkish Rabbinate as to whether there would be any change in the manner of observance of Tisha B'Av this year in view of the establishment of Medinat Yisrael, the Rabbinate of Israel stated that there would be no change in the observance of Tisha B'Av or any other fast-day which commemorates the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem.

Presumably the Turkish Rabbinate is Orthodox. The question asked by the Turkish Rabbinate implies that a different answer was expected by the Turkish rabbis. Here a splendid opportunity was offered the Israeli Rabbinate and the opportunity was ignored. The Israeli Rabbinate to whom traditional Jews throughout the world looked for religious guidance could have shown not only the observant Jews but even the non-observant Jews in and outside of Israel that it is not strait-laced and unyielding. It may be premature to abolish Tishh B'Av or even the minor fast days that are based upon the destruction. The plight of our people and our Holy land is not yet so satisfactory that we can really say that it is time now to laugh and to dance for our mouth is filled with laughter and our tongue with song. But is it not true that if we do not have the Geulah Shlaymah, the complete Geulah, we do have "Athchalta DiGeulah," the beginning of the redemption? A prominent member of the Israeli Rabbinate has repeatedly told his audiences that these days are as eventful as the ancient exodus from Egypt, if not more so. If we do have the privilege of living in these momentous times, why should not the Israeli Rabbinate, to whom the Turkish Rabbinate seemed to appeal for some modification of the observance of Tisha B'Av, have shown some consideration and some response

to the spiritual needs of the times?

I would not expect the Israeli Rabbinate, traditional as that Rabbinate is, to change the rituals of the evening and morning of Tisha B'Av, but I believe that the present-day Tisha B'Av should accentuate the present positive happy aspects of Jewish life as well as the negative and historic facts. I believe that if the Israeli Rabbinate would exert the influence upon world Jewry that a group of neo-Orthodox rabbis in American would like to have it exert, it can do so only by daring to modify our traditions when such modifications give evidence of its authority and at the same time give modern present-day effective meaning to Tisha B'Av other traditional observances.

In many Orthodox synagogues, a minyan of Jews who feel too weak to fast the entire day assemble for an early afternoon minchah service on Tisha B'Av and then break their fast. Could not the Israeli Rabbinate declare that while we should still observe the evening of Tisha B'Av and the first part of the day, observant Jews shall also give recognition to and show gratefulness for the establishment of Israel, which marks the virtual end of the Galus?

The Rabbinate could suggest for the afternoon of Tisha B'Av a form of service with appropriate prayers and chants of thanksgiving and expressions of hope, as well as pledges of cooperation in the greatest Jewish enterprise, the building of the Jewish State. The Israeli Rabbis took the initiative to declare fast days and special services during the emergency; and they did so at frequent intervals. Why cannot the Israeli rabbis in the present situation make Tisha B'Av more meaningful and real by sanctifying the happenings of Today? Even non-religious Jews might be attracted by such modification of the Tisha B'Av observance.

RABBI MORRIS TELLER
Chicago

HELEN COHEN ALL WRONG ABOUT REFORM IN THE JEWISH STATE, SAYS READER

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

I am sorry that I have to take issue again with your columnist Helen Cohen.

I thought that after her last outburst about a year ago, when she attacked the laws of Kosher and Kashrut, and after she was criticized from all parts of the country, she had decided to take a more constructive attitude about things. However, her column of Aug. 5 just proves the opposite.

She states in her column that Reform Judaism is the only body which has had the courage and the ability to make changes; but she didn't state that as a result of such changes, Judaism has only been weakened by the increasing number of its members drifting away from it and accepting other religions or becoming atheists. Whether or not such actions are to be credited to the courage and ability which Reform Judaism possesses, I leave up to Helen Cohen to decide.

And besides all that, "we don't owe anything to reform rabbis" in our fight for a Jewish State, because the kind of Jewish State which they wanted could never

be called a Jewish State. And besides all that, Reform has taken out of its ritual any reference to a Jewish State. For example: In Dr. Abba Hillel Silver's congregation, the Shabbas is observed on Sunday. Now just because he did a great deal of work toward the establishment of a Jewish State, should the Sabbath in Israel perhaps be observed on a Sunday? And if we do, would the State of Israel still look like a Jewish State?

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On Greedy Investors

TEL AVIV.—(JTA)—Charges that the Israeli Government thwarted foreign capital investments were denied in the Knesset this week by Labor Minister Golda Myerson in a speech concluding parliamentary debate on the nation's unemployment problem.

The Labor Minister emphasized that "if the government discouraged certain investment plans, it was because the investors sought the highest possible profits."

real troubles?

Shakespeare, Chaplin and Sholom Aleichem knew the formula: humor is not enough. Good cooks use a pinch of salt to bring out the taste of the sugar or even vinegar for satisfying contrast—unless they are concocting pure confections. Perhaps Mrs. Rosenberg would be content to have her book called a confection, but at least some of her readers will be disappointed at its unsubstantiality. No one expects to find Tevye the Milkman in Greenpoint or Flatbush, but there is no valid reason why Ethel Rosenberg shouldn't treat Uncle Julius with the same respect Sholom Aleichem treated Tevye.

Also Received

"Albert Einstein," by Elma Ehrlich Levinger, 174 pages, Messner, \$2.75, is a "popular" biography intended primarily for young adults. It has the virtue of simplicity and the drawback of adulation.

"Memoirs of a New American" by Nathan Mushin, 157 pages, Bloch, \$2.25, is an autobiography of a Philadelphia real estate dealer, contractor and philanthropist. Because the author is not a professional writer, he has arranged his material poorly and what he has to say is of insufficient interest to make up for this. Had Mr. Mushin chosen to write of the old country, I think his book would find a larger audience.

Book By Rabbi Gordon Out In October

MINNEAPOLIS—(NJP)—The University of Minnesota press announced this week that it will publish Rabbi Albert I. Gordon's "Jews in Transition 11 on Oct. 26.

Rabbi Gordon is executive director of the United Synagogue of America Conservative Congregational body.

Fineberg's Book Published This Week

NEW YORK—(NJP)—S. Andhil Fineberg's "Punishment Without Crime," was published this week.

Dr. Fineberg heads the community relations department of the American Jewish Committee.

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Jews In Sports

N. Y. COLLEGES AGAIN RAID FOES' FOR JEWISH CAGE ST

By HASKELL COHEN

ANOTHER basketball fight is shaping up among New York colleges despite the fact that schools are on vacation. N.Y.U., already in wrong with Syracuse for allegedly luring Mel Seeman from the Orange campus, is going to have a fight on its hands if it persists in its efforts to snag Al Roth, frosh star, away from the City College. Roth, now working in the Adirondacks, is said to have asked for a transfer to N.Y.U. after considerable persuasion by several N.Y.U. cohorts.

Authorities at N.Y.U. feel that no harm will be done if Roth matriculates at their institution. Roth originally entered N.Y.U. last fall but switched to City at the last minute, forfeiting his fifty dollar deposit. N.Y.U. is peeved at the City school for supposedly luring Lionel Malamed away from them when the former Beaver captain returned from the Army. In addition N.Y.U. feels that big Ed Roman, slated to star at the pivot post for City, was "stolen" away by City slickers. Consequently the Violet hoop heads feel justified in accepting Roth if he desires to make the change.

There is a strong movement afoot by N.Y.U. grads to keep the Violet among the high rating basketball schools respite the fact that the school administration is inclined to favor football. Right now the grads, headed by a Newark alumnus, are fighting with LaSalle of Philadelphia for the rights to a Philadelphia star, Norm Grecken. Both schools claim the boy is registered with them. At the present time the youth is working at a race track for a LaSalle grad which should indicate that he is headed for the Philly institution. N.Y.U.'s Newark alumnus is not giving up in his fight for Grecken and undoubtedly will have more to say before the boy finally enters school in the fall.

This corner is convinced that financial blandishments well beyond those countenanced by the NCAA are being thrown at Grecken by the New York graduate body. This policy of paying for basketball players is getting serious, more so in football.

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EZRA POUND AWARD GROUP SPURNS ANTI-SEMITISM CH

WASHINGTON—Charges that the fellows in Am of the Library of Congress condoned anti-Semitism in Ezra Pound's "Pisan Cantos" for the 1948 \$1,000 Boll award were rejected this week by the society.

"No sympathy for fascism, no among the fellows," the statement said. "To assume that they may or must have such sympathies is to deny them the capacity to perceive literary distinction in a work which expressed and springs from attitudes and opin-

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all. The coach of LaSalle, Ken Deffler, told us only the other day that getting college players is harder today than landing hoopsters in the pro ranks. From whence he recently came. New York schools, hit by the fact that recent high school stars leaving the city to matriculate elsewhere, are getting desperate to hold their local material. One school paid a high school center \$100 to matriculate at their institution while another Metropolitan college is paying a highly sought-after star a goodly sum for its student body this fall. The price of education comes pretty high among New York colleges.

Basketball is getting to be such a big thing among the betting crowd in New York that certain colleges are known to be paying high fees for good boys on school varsities in order to be able to get the boys to see game their way on given nights.

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NEW YORK sandlot baseball enthusiasts are raving over performances of one Wally Kelstein. None other than Rab Maranville, famous big league stop of former years, leads cheering brigade. The ex-Boston Pirate and Boston Red Sox shortfielder predicts a big future for the youngster. "Wally can field as well as any I've ever seen," says Maranville. "I might even say he can outdo them up as well as some leaguers. He's fast, has a powerful arm and makes them look easy. His big trouble was he held his hands too close to his body but I think we've corrected that."

Kelstein, 18 and husky at 175, has been drawing more than \$100 a week from several big league clubs but is thinking of entering Indiana State College on a football scholarship. Before he graduated this past January he was the star passer and back on his high school football squad.

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Cleveland Jews Really Fought For Kashrut Control

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CLEVELAND—When the Kosher butchers of Cleveland rejected a communally-developed program to end abuses, Orthodox Jews in Cleveland, with the moral support of the rest of Cleveland Jewry, practically went "vegetarian" in the successful fight to establish communal control, a Cleveland rabbi reported this week.

The 15-year fight to a finish was described by Rabbi Louis Engelberg, spiritual leader of Congregation Oheb Zedek, in an article, "Kashrut is a Community Program," in the current Orthodox Jewish Life magazine.

The system finally established has two unique elements. The program is financed by Jewish community funds and is entirely voluntary, though there is a Kosher law on the Ohio state book.

The history of efforts at control followed "a pattern that is tragically familiar on the American scene," he reported. At various stages, one after another of Jewish communal bodies tried with no success to start a workable inspection of retail Kosher meat markets.

"The four F's of Jewish life—fear, friction, fractionalization and finances—always prevented a practical solution to the problem," he said.

The Jewish Community Council of Cleveland was started in 1935 and a Kashruth commission was appointed, which at first was anemic.

But a change developed and "even non-observant Jews" began to appreciate the need for a practical system "for the sale of non-Kosher meat in a Kosher shop at a premium price is a fraud that no community honest with itself can stomach."

Action really was started in the summer of 1945 when the Kashruth committee of the JCC met with the Orthodox rabbis. The butchers, the Shochtim

(ritual slaughterers) and consumers were invited to send representatives to form a new Kashruth committee to start all over again.

In the spring of 1946 the Kashruth committee, after long hours of negotiation, agreed to a comprehensive code based on the twin concept that the questions of Kashrut were a matter for the religious authorities and that enforcement was a communal responsibility.

The issue of extending communal responsibility to financial support hit a snag when the Kashruth committee asked the Welfare Federation for \$7,000 to finance the program.

After a battle involving charges that the program was "un-American" and unnecessary, the allocation was made to start the program. It involved a Rabbinic sub-committee to pass on all religious questions; mashgichim (inspectors) and machinery to handle violators.

"Then what all the prophets of doom predicted, actually happened," Rabbi Engelberg reported. "The Kosher butchers refused to abide by the code."

It was only a small group that objected "but once Kashrut had become a community program, the refusal on the part of the butchers to cooperate meant that a small group of stubborn men who made their livelihood entirely from the Jewish community were flouting the will of that community."

The answer of the JCC was to call a "Town Hall" mass meeting "oddly enough, in the auditorium of a Reform Temple. The weather was wretched. It snowed all day."

"Yet to everyone's amazement, the auditorium was packed with people. Reformists, Conservatives and Orthodox Jews joined in requesting a community boycott of all butchers who refused to sign up."

Fledge cash each person a his butcher.

"The principle, however, was to force the butchers to see the Jewish community as the butchers' boss."

What's the result? "It could be said that the system is perfect, but it is not."

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Rabbi Engelberg is a community funds.

He said that the program has been successful. Further violation of the community is not to be expected.

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Major violations of the Kashrut code are two occasions a week of the community market.

Union Charges Five Months Stall

Toronto Social Agency Workers Lose Day's Pay In Protest Strike

MONTREAL, Canada—A staff worker of the Toronto Jewish Vocational Service charged this week that all workers on the staff were docked a day's pay for a one-day protest strike in a fight for union recognition.

Ruth Hamill, in a letter to the Montreal Canadian Jewish Review, said that last January, all five workers joined the Social Service Employees Union and asked for recognition from the welfare agency board.

Those involved included three professional vocational counselors and two clerical workers.

She said that from January to June, the workers tried repeatedly to obtain recognition through negotiation.

"All members of the board were informed of the situation," she reported, "but the leadership of the board consistently delayed meeting with the workers and the president, Max Enkin, let it be known that he would assume no responsibility in dealing with the union."

She said that the five workers finally applied for certification by the Ontario Labor Relations board and were certified. She said the law requires that the employer negotiate with a certified union within 20 days after notice is given.

"The leadership of the Board would not set a date for a meeting before July 4, the legal limit and they would give the Union no fixed date," Miss Hamill declared.

She said the union made a last minute effort to get a meeting before the July 4 deadline, or in that week, after the board had been advised it was violating the provincial law "but the executive director, Milton Friedman, and Sam Eckler, the personnel chairman, would not set a meeting date."

She said that the workers, in protest against five months of stalling, quit work on July 4 and that the next day Friedman arranged a meeting for the same week.

"But in spiteful retaliation, the Board has now docked the workers pay," she said.

Miss Hamill, in the letter, appealed for public support and for a protest on behalf of the workers.

Seven Israel Scientists In UN Resources Meet

LAKE SUCCESS, (JTA)—Israel will be represented by seven scientists in the U.N. Conference on Natural Resources, it was announced this week. The Conference will open here Aug. 17, with more than 500 scientists, engineers and other experts from 50 countries in attendance. The conference is aimed at mobilizing science in the U. N. program for technical aid in underdeveloped areas and for assistance to all member states.

Md. Court Kills Religious Oath

BALTIMORE, (WNS)—Circuit Court Judge Charles Marbury this week invalidated a 95-year-old Maryland law which had required public officials to swear to belief in the Christian religion. His decision came as the result of the refusal of J. Milton Stanford, councilman-elect of the town of Brentwood, to take such an oath before assuming his office.

Reject Mapam Protest On Torah Broadcast

JERUSALEM—The Israel Broadcasting Service rejected a protest by Mapam, the leftwing political party, against the extension of programs of a traditional nature over Kol Israel, the Mizrahi (religious Zionist) Information Service reported this week.

The Information Service said that "Al Hamishmar," official organ of the party, protested against the extension of the programs. In reply, the radio service said that the broadcasts would not be shortened and that many listeners had asked for further extension of such programs.

Histadrut Asks 200,000 DPs On Farms In 4 Yrs.

TEL AVIV (JTA)—A resolution asking for the settlement of 203,500 Jews on farm lands within the next four years was adopted at a meeting of the Agricultural Council of the Histadrut.

The resolution pointed out that this would require a nation-wide expansion of agricultural facilities, establishment of at least 500 new farm settlements, and an investment of approximately \$300,000,000. Other resolutions emphasized the importance of educating and encouraging new immigrants to engage in farming.

All Somaliland Empty of Jews

NEW YORK, (NJPI)—All three Jews in French Somaliland have emigrated to Israel. There are no Jews left in French and British Somaliland, World Jewish Congress reports this week.

The three have remained in Djibouti to liquidate the affairs of their fellow Jews after the rest left for Israel. They

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U.S. Jewish Heroes Of Israel War Snubbed By Miami Jewry

MIAMI—The Miami Jewish community was vigorously condemned this week for giving "the run-around" to five young American Jews who served for 11 months in the Israeli air force during the Arab invasion and then were given virtually no help in trying to resume normal lives in the United States.

Harry Simonhoff, writing in his column, "I'll Say" in the Jewish FLORIDIAN, was introduced to the ex-flyers and said that "in my enthusiasm, I was naive enough to glow over the honors these young veterans must have received on their homecoming."

"So these were the boys who had offered their lives that Israel might take its place among the nations of the world," Simonhoff wrote.

"Surely the Hadassah tendered you a luncheon in the swankiest hotel on Miami Beach," Simonhoff told the young veterans. "The Zionists wine and

dined you, of course. B'nai B'rith lodges, male and female strove, no doubt, for the privilege of being the first to hear the story of Israel's victory themselves."

Simonhoff said that the young men gave him a "pitying stare, as if I had just escaped from an insane asylum."

"I did not know that these ex-soldiers had gone from disappointment to disillusionment and were now in the throes of black discouragement," he said.

Far from being honored by Miami Jewry, "for months they had been pounding the sidewalks in search of jobs. Now they were destitute, without a dime for rent or food."

They applied to the Zionist Emergency Committee, which promised unlimited help. After a four months wait, the Committee met and named a job-hunting quartet, most of whom "went to sleep, while the

plight of the ex-flyers is becoming daily more desperate."

One of the flyers went to the Baron de Hirsch fund, at Simonhoff's suggestion. He was referred to the Jewish Social Service Bureau director "but that great man evidently considered it beneath his dignity to talk to a mere pilot who had protected Tel Aviv and Haifa from air bombing by Egyptian planes."

A secretary was given the assignment after it was learned that the de Hirsch fund "is reserved only for the shopkeeping aristocracy. A flyer and a hero must apply to the charity fund, provided he subjects himself to a Gestapo grilling."

Simonhoff said he could not understand why the Jewish community, "through its authorized institutions, is giving him the run-around. Is it sheer ingratitude or do we resent the heroic?"

Miami Temple Evicted By Suit Of N. Y. Jew Loses Its Rabbi

National Jewish Post
MIAMI BEACH—A reform temple which was driven from its first home by a lawsuit filed by a wealthy New York Jew and which lost a large number of its members in the process suffered another blow this week when its spiritual leader and founder resigned.

Rabbi David Raab submitted his resignation to the board of directors of Temple Isaiah and it was accepted, effective Sept. 1, leaving the Temple without a rabbi for the approaching High Holy Days.

Rabbi Raab said he would return to Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati to continue working for a doctor of philosophy degree. No announcement was made as to any other reasons for resigning.

Julius J. Perlmutter, president of the congregation, lauded the young rabbi's work during the "trying times" of the founding of the much-buffed Temple.

Perlmutter said he had been instructed to contact the HUC for help in obtaining a rabbi both for the High Holy Days and as a permanent spiritual leader.

The suit was filed last March by Daniel Arnstein, millionaire transportation magnate, who complained the Temple was noisy and that it caused traffic congestion and depreciated the property value of his nearby estate.

Following its eviction, the Temple moved to second floor headquarters in a real estate building provided as a friendly gesture by Miami Beach non-Jewish sympathizers.

However, the publicity, plus the fact that the Temple had to move to quarters in the South end of the Beach, resulted in the loss of many of the Temple's original supporters, Mrs. Anna Strauss, a member of the Temple board, told The Post.

"We were unable to purchase a lot," she said. "Many of our members were ill and unable to climb the steps. Where we had many rooms and large grounds to hold benefits, weddings and parties, we now must seek and pay for outside facilities."

DETAILS REPORTED IN LONDON ON ISAIAH SCROLL APPEARANCE

LONDON (JTA)—New interest was aroused here this week in the tattered leather scrolls discovered in 1947 by a shepherd in a cavern in the foothills of the Dead Sea shores, claimed to be the earliest known manuscript of the Book of Isaiah.

The London TIMES carried an article by the chief curator of antiquities for the Fransjordan Government, Lankester Harding. "The scrolls, estimated to have been written in the third or fourth century B. C. and identified as texts of Old Testament books, are thought by experts to have been part of a library hidden by the Essenes, one of the three great religious sects of ancient Israel," it was reported.

Reuters carried a report saying that British archeological experts believe that the fragments of the Old Testament in Hebrew, reportedly more than 2,000 years old, which were discovered in the cavern, are part of ancient records hidden by a lost monastic Jewish sect fighting for its religious and political freedom.

U. S. Seizes Ship Bound For Israel

FRANKFURT, (JTA)—U. S. Army authorities at the port of Bremerhaven this week seized an Israeli vessel, the Drommit, because it was allegedly being loaded with an illegal consignment of machinery, including construction machines, tractors and automobiles.

Tobiansky Army Judge Faces Life Term

TEL AVIV, Israel—A preliminary hearing was underway this week on manslaughter charges against Lt. Col. Iser Beeri in connection with the mistaken execution of Meir Tobiansky on treason charges.

The former Haganah intelligence chief was charged last week with manslaughter, which carries a penalty of life imprisonment. The preliminary hearing will decide whether Col. Beeri should be committed for trial to District Court.

Tobiansky was executed by a firing squad in June, 1948, a judgement which was officially declared a year later to have been a miscarriage of justice.

The prosecution argued that Col. Beeri's guilt stemmed from his order to have three subordinate officials try Tobiansky, despite the fact that they did not legally constitute a field court. The officer was present during Tobiansky's trial and execution.

Visa-Less Immigrants Must Legalize Status

BUENOS AIRES (JTA)—Immigrants who entered Argentina illegally up to July 8 of this year when President Juan Peron granted them a pardon must legalize their status by Oct. 1, 1949, the Director of Migration announced this week.

The announcement warned that any person failing to register with the Migration Department and obtain the necessary documents is liable to deportation to his country of origin or any other nation which will agree to take him. Thousands of Jewish DPs who arrived in this country since the end of the war are affected by the ruling.

ISRAEL MAY CANCEL OFFER TO TAKE 100,000 ARABS

TEL AVIV (WNS)—Israel may withdraw its offer to admit 100,000 Arab refugees if the Lausanne peace conference breaks off and the United Nations General Assembly will then step in to impose a solution, it was declared here authoritatively this week.

Arab delegations at Lausanne have not responded to the Israeli offer, and as a result a stalemate has set in. High officials here concede the possibility that the negotiations may result in complete failure.

Meanwhile an Israeli delegation spokesman at Lausanne has denied that the United States government has proposed that Israel surrender the whole of the southern Negev. He said, however, that Americans at Lausanne had all along maintained that Israel must give territorial compensation for keeping Western Galilee and that Paul A. Porter, head of the American delegation, had asked what would be the Israeli attitude toward a suggestion that it surrender the southern Negev and had received a reply that Israel would resist such a proposal to the utmost.

Tel Aviv-Jerusalem Train In First Run

JERUSALEM (JTA)—The population of Jerusalem enthusiastically celebrated the arrival this week of the first train to make the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem run since the declaration of Israel's independence.

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